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Chairman: Sir Leslie MUNRO (New Zealand).

Order of discussion of agenda items (A/C.1/767 and Add.1) (continued)

- 1. Mr. MENON (India) noted that the Committee had fallen behind in its work. Practical arrangements would therefore have to be made concerning the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda.
- 2. The next meeting might be devoted to the Moroccan question. In the meantime the Disarmament Commission's report might be distributed so as to give delegations time for studying it. There remained the questions of West Irian and of Algeria. The Committee, it appeared, was not now ready to consider the West Irian question. On the other hand, it seemed that the delegations which had asked for the inclusion of the Algerian question in the agenda agreed that the Assembly might decide not to consider that question, at least during the tenth session.
- 3. In the circumstances, his delegation wished to submit the following procedural motion:

"The General Assembly

"Decides not to consider further the item entitled 'The question of Algeria' and is therefore no longer

seized of this item on the agenda of the tenth session."

- 4. The motion hardly called for comment and did not imply that any positive action had been taken. The second part of the motion merely described what the status of the item would be if the Assembly decided to adopt the first part. In supporting the motion, none of those who had been concerned with the question would be altering his position. It was well known that the points of view of the various delegations differed and would continue to differ not only on the merits of the question, but also on its legal and other aspects.
- 5. As was clear from the text, the decision would apply only to the tenth session of the General Assembly. One session of the General Assembly could not, of course, make a decision for a subsequent session. The motion was intended to further the purposes of the United Nations Charter by harmonizing the interests of Members and promoting the solution of conflicts. It also expressed the wisdom of the entire Assembly, because its submission had been discussed with practically all the delegations of Member States.
- 6. The CHAIRMAN, noting that there were no objections to the Indian motion, declared it adopted. He added that the Rapporteur would submit a report on the question to the Assembly in the usual way.
- 7. He noted that there was no objection to the proposal for consideration of the Moroccan question at the First Committee's next meeting. He therefore declared it adopted.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.